

The McCook Tribune.

SIXTEENTH YEAR

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The Case Dismissed.

The contest case of Orlando L. Thompson vs. Jacob H. Berge came up before County Judge J. M. Smith, Monday, W. S. Morlan appeared for the defense and W. R. Starr for the contestant.

The contestee claimed and argued that the allegations set forth in paragraphs 2 to 24 inclusive of the complaint do not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action, and therefore the objection to the introduction of evidence should be sustained and the contest as to the matters set forth in the complaint in paragraphs 2 to 24 inclusive be dismissed. The objections and motions of the contestee were then argued and submitted to the court and the following decision was then made by the court:

"And therefore said cause coming on further to be heard upon the cause of contest set forth in paragraph 25 of said complaint and the contestant offering no evidence, but abandoning the same, the court finds for the contestee on the cause of contest set forth in said paragraph 25 of said complaint, and the issues of said action in favor of Jacob H. Berge, the incumbent, and that said Jacob H. Berge was and is duly elected to the office of treasurer of Red Willow county, and that said complaint should be dismissed. It is therefore considered by the court that said election be in all things confirmed; that the contestee, Jacob H. Berge, go hence without delay; that the complaint be dismissed and that the contestant, Orlando L. Thompson, pay the costs of this proceeding taxed at \$11.85."

AN APPEAL IS TAKEN.

On Tuesday afternoon an appeal was duly filed in the case, taking it to the district court.

Supper and Camp-fire.

The old soldiers, their families and friends had a pleasant time at their annual supper and camp-fire, last Friday evening. The opera house was well filled. The supper was a splendid feast of good things. One of the features of the entertainment was the toast responses. J. A. Wilcox described The Colored Troop; Tom Balco told Battlefield Experiences; A. G. Dole grew eloquent over the subject of Commissary; A. W. Campbell told about The Refugee; William Weygant related what he knew about the Saddle Sergeant; G. W. Dillon grew reminiscent over The Forced March; J. S. LeHew described The Prisoner of War. These responses were all quite interesting, especially to the old veterans themselves. H. H. Berry was toastmaster. After the toasts Comrades Armstrong and Starr delivered some rattling camp-fire speeches, which were roundly applauded. The drum corps provided the music.

For The Stars.

The visit made to Denver, last week, by H. H. Berry, was in the interest of the Star of Jupiter order, and we are pleased to learn that it was successful. A banquet was one of the features of the evening, and there were about 250 persons in attendance. The manner in which Mr. Berry presented the claims of the order resulted in many inquiries concerning its plan, and it is expected that the membership of the lodge in that city will double in a short while and that other lodges of the order will be established soon.

Laughably Suspicious.

A certain school officer was recently very much disturbed on account of the wording of an invitation to attend an entertainment to be given in one of the country schools near this city. In writing the invitation the teacher wrote the word Christmas thusly, Christ Mas. It took some persuasion to satisfy the officer aforesaid that a mass was not to be said on the occasion, which of course was only the usual entertainment of the glad day. How laughably and ignorantly suspicious some people are.

Our Holiday Supplement.

THE TRIBUNE, this week, presents its readers with an artistic holiday supplement, which we have every confidence will be appreciated by all. It is nicely illustrated with a wealth of letter press material of excellent character. This, in addition to our usual eight pages of news, will make a paper of unequalled interest in this local field. We add our good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for all our readers.

Good Times Social.

The Christian Endeavor society will hold a good times social on New Year eve, at the residence of Mrs. J. F. Ganshow. All the young people of the city are invited, and the assurance is that a good time will be had.

THE TRIBUNE and Demorest's Family Magazine for \$1.75 a year, strictly in advance.

McConnell's Balsam cures coughs.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

JOHN ESKERSON is in the city at present on a visit.

J. W. HUPP had business in Lebanon, first of the week.

SAMUEL GARBER was a Red Cloud visitor, last week.

MRS. E. H. WATERS is home from her visit in Missouri.

MRS. E. J. MITCHELL visited Indianola friends, Wednesday.

A. G. DOLE is in Indianola and Bartley, part of this week, on business.

MRS. C. W. BRONSON is spending the holidays with her mother in Iowa.

FRANK FITCH departed, Wednesday, for Love, Colo., to visit friends and relatives.

COUNTY CLERK GREEN is now located in his lately purchased home—the Drew house.

MISS SELMA NOREN came up from Lincoln, last night, to remain over the holidays.

MISS SELMA NOREN came up from Lincoln, Tuesday morning, to spend the holidays at home.

MRS. DOUGLASS, of the Courier force, is taking an enforced vacation on account of her eyes.

MISS ANNA BARTON of Indianola was the guest of McCook friends, close of last and first of this week.

JAMES MATHER, who is out from Wisconsin on business, was in the city, yesterday, looking after his interests.

MRS. AGNES BARKER of Chicago arrived in the city, Wednesday night, and will be the guest of Mrs. A. P. Bonnot for some time.

ERNEST CORDEAL will be home tonight to remain over the holidays. He is doing very good work in the state university at Lincoln.

H. M. CLUTE and family have departed for Beatrice, where they formerly lived and where they expect to make their home in the future.

MRS. J. B. MESERVE and Miss Edna came up from Lincoln, last evening, to enjoy the Christmas-tide here, the guests of Mrs. F. M. Kimmell. Mr. Meserve will be up tonight.

COMMISSIONER ROBINSON has been here since last week superintending the work of repairing the south river bridge. Commissioner Bolles has also been assisting in the overseeing.

MRS. E. MAY STARBUCK, who has been up from her new home near Pacific Junction, Iowa, for a few days, looking after her business matters in this vicinity, returned home on Saturday evening.

TREASURER HANNING of Beaver City was a brief caller at these newspaper headquarters, last Friday morning, while in the city attending the meeting of county treasurers of southwestern Nebraska.

DR. AND MRS. J. W. WILLIAMS of Montpelier, Ohio, have been visiting in the city, the past week, with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Starr. Mrs. Williams is a sister of Mr. Starr. They are on their way to California, for the Doctor's health, and expect to make their home in that state somewhere. They left for Los Angeles, last night.

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

COUNTY COURT.

The following marriage licenses have been issued since our last report:

On the 18th to James A. Modrell and Hattie King, both of Box Elder precinct.

Robert Gore and Emma J. Hatch, both of Lebanon, on the 18th.

On the 21st to James H. Keys and Myrtle Epperly, both of Bartley.

On the 21st, James C. Bailey and Amy L. Fletcher, both of Danbury. These young people were on the same day united in marriage by the county judge.

On the 22d, George W. Cooley of Cedar Bluffs, Kansas, and Margaret L. Fraley of Danbury, were authorized to wed.

James F. Ryan has been removed from the office of executor of the estate of Robert Drysdale, and Hugh W. Cole has been appointed executor in his place. It seems that no report has ever been made of any of the doings of the old executor, notwithstanding the estate was quite valuable, embracing money, real estate, and mortgages. The county judge's records do not show what if any disposition has been made of this considerable property.

DISTRICT COURT.

Petition in equity has been filed by Arthur J. Brent vs. William Carskadon. Winnie D. Stoddard, guardian, has filed a suit in equity against Sigmund Seaman, et al.

Rosa Tillers has instituted divorce proceedings against her husband, Thos. Tillers.

The Farmers' Institute.

We announced, last week, that the farmers' institute that has been advertised to be held in January next, has been postponed, and will not be held until some date in February. This reminds us that our people ought to take a more lively interest in the success of this affair and we urge upon the citizens of McCook, hearty and active cooperation with those who have the matter in hand. William Weygant of our city is the president of the association and he should be assisted in every way to make the meeting a success and full of interest. We bespeak for this coming meeting of the farmers of this section the earnest assistance of our business people and all others interested in the development of this country and the advancement of its agricultural and stock-raising interests.

LATER—The date has just been fixed for the 2d and 3d of February, Wednesday and Thursday.

THE CHICKEN SHOW.

The Republican Valley District Poultry association will hold its first annual poultry and pet stock show in this city on the 2d and 3d of February, 1898. F. W. Hitchcock of Denver, Colo., will be the judge and score all of the entries. This event will be of unusual interest, especially to poultry-raisers, as Mr. Hitchcock has a national reputation as a judge, whose score-card is official every where.

Will Resist the Opinion.

A meeting of the county treasurers of Southwestern Nebraska was held in our city, last Friday afternoon. There were present from the various counties: Treasurer Marshall of Dundy county, Treasurer Blood of Hayes county, Ex-Treasurer Fitch, Treasurer Siebecker and Treasurer-elect Logan of Frontier county, Treasurer Berge of Red Willow county, Treasurer Pearson and Treasurer-elect Engstrom of Phelps county, Treasurer Perry of Gosper county, and Treasurer Hanning of Furnas county.

It was determined to resist any action the State Auditor might take under and by reason of the opinion of the Attorney General expressed in relation to the fees of the office of county treasurer. The opinion reduces the fees of the office, especially of the smaller offices such as exist in this part of the state, about \$280 a year and it is held, will be a hardship in some cases.

An organization was completed and provision made for the means to carry on the action which will be made in the name of Treasurer John A. Pearson of Holdrege, Phelps county. Treasurer L. C. Hanning of Beaver City, Furnas county, is the treasurer of the organization. Able legal talent will be employed to bring this action, and the case will be pushed for all there is in it, which is considerable to the small county treasurers of the western part of the state.

Found Dead In Bed.

Sunday morning, Mrs. Lucy A. Pierce, the aged mother of Mrs. Charles L. Miller, was found dead in bed by her daughter. The deceased lived alone in a house adjoining her daughter. She was apparently in usual health, Saturday evening, but not being seen about on Sunday morning, Mrs. Miller gained entrance into the house and found her mother cold in death. Heart disease had doubtless suddenly performed its fatal work. Rev. J. A. Badcon conducted the services at the home on Wednesday morning, after which the remains were taken to the Giles Methodist church cemetery up on the Hayes county line where they were interred by the side of her husband and a daughter. The departed was almost 65 years of age. Two daughters from abroad attended the funeral, Mrs. Scott of Denver, and Mrs. Brown from Iowa.

No Passenger Train Service.

General Manager Holdrege has refused the request of the people on the Orleans-St. Francis line on the stated grounds that a passenger train service does not pay the company, but he promises that an effort will be made to run extra freight trains in order to relieve the regular freight trains of their heavy loads and consequent delays. This will ease things up a little.

For Four Years.

January 5th, County Superintendent Carnahan and wife expect to leave for Peru, Nebraska, to enter the state normal school at that place for a year or two. They afterwards expect to enter the state university at Lincoln. In all they will put in four years in the two schools, in order to the better prepare themselves for the work of school teaching.

Mrs. W. S. Pate Dead.

Mrs. W. S. Pate of Box Elder precinct passed from life, Wednesday evening, at advanced age. The funeral services were conducted at the home, this morning, by Elder H. H. Berry, and interment followed in Longview cemetery, this city.

CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

GERMAN METHODIST—Regular services at 9 o'clock, every Sunday morning, in the South McCook Methodist church; services in German.

REV. M. HERRMANN.

CATHOLIC—Mass at 8 o'clock a. m., High mass and sermon at 10:30, a. m., with choir. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. All are cordially welcome.

REV. J. W. HICKEY, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL—Morning service at 11:00. Evening service at 7:30. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Evensong on Thursdays at 7:30 p. m.

R. A. RUSSELL, Missionary in Charge.

BAPTIST—Bible school at 10. Preaching at 11. Young peoples' meeting at 7. Preaching at 8; a series of sermons on the Christ of Prophecy. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening. A welcome to all.

GEO. W. SHEAFOR, Pastor.

METHODIST—Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11. Christmas sermon and Christmas songs. Junior League at 3. Epworth League at 7. Sermon at 8. Subject, A Wasted Life. Prayer and Bible study on Wednesday evening at 8.

J. A. BADCON, Pastor.

School Entertainment for Holidays

The long-delayed loan collections of lantern slides will make their first appearance at a series of entertainments to be given in the assembly room at the east ward building, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of next week. The small admission fee of ten cents will be devoted to the improvements of the library and to keeping up the expense of the lantern work and for the improvement of the music in the school. It is to be hoped that the public generally will liberally patronize these entertainments; not only to help the good cause but for the pleasure they are sure to receive from the admirable pictures which will be shown by means of the powerful electric lantern belonging to the school.

On Monday evening the subject is one of great interest to all students of Bible history, being a series of recently taken photographs of scenes in and about Rome with which St. Paul must have been familiar and which are connected with the story of his life. Among the pictures in this series are Views in the Catacombs, The Ruins of Nero's Palace, The Coliseum, showing the underground cells.

On Tuesday evening the subject will be "Stately Homes of England," Views of Windsor, Warwick, Hawarden and other great castles and splendid homes in historic England.

Wednesday evening will be devoted to the island of Madagascar, from pictures recently taken by Rev. Charles Collins, a resident missionary. The scenery and manners and customs of the people in this little-known part of the world are peculiarly interesting.

During these entertainments music will be furnished by Mrs. Bonnot, Miss Stangland, Miss Dixon, Miss Perry, Miss Wood, the boys and girls quartettes, and others. Readings will be given by Mrs. Agnes Barker of Chicago and Mr. William Valentine.

The Ice Harvest.

The local ice men are making good use of the cold weather of this week to fill their ice houses. Large quantities have been put up by individuals, combinations and dealers, the supply for the most part being derived from the Driftwood and Goheen's pond. The quality, this season, is of the very best, clean, clear, and from eight to twelve inches in thickness. The company is rapidly filling its houses here and elsewhere on the line from the mill pond on the Medicine at Cambridge.

A Reception.

A very pleasant reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fale on Friday evening by the Baptist Young Peoples' Union, in honor of Mrs. J. E. Robison of Wauwata, Neb. A unique feature of the evening was a trip over Chilcoat Pass to the Klondike.

Music and refreshments made the affair a most enjoyable one.

Was Badly Scalded.

George Mick, a barber's apprentice in the Augustine shop, was badly scalded, Tuesday, by upsetting a quantity of hot water over himself. The youth is a relative of the Garbers. The lad was helping his mother lift a boiler of hot water from the stove. His injuries are severe.

Use Sheridan nut coal in your base burner; it will save you money.

W. C. BULLARD & CO.

THE TRIBUNE and The New-York Tribune for \$1.25 a year, strictly in advance.

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Christmas Entertainments.

The observance of Christmas at St. Patrick's church will be on the usual elaborate scale. The music will be a specially fine feature.

The Methodist brethren have arranged for a Christmas tree and an entertainment of an appropriate character to be given in the church, this evening.

The Congregational people will hold their Christmas entertainment in the church tonight. They will have a tree and a cantata, and it will be highly interesting to all.

The German Congregationalists will give their first Christmas tree and entertainment in their church tonight, and we learn that it will be highly interesting, as great preparations have been made to have the affair a success.

There will be Christmas exercises at the Baptist church this evening. An excellent program has been prepared by the Sunday-school. A Christmas tree and Santa Claus will also enliven the occasion. A committee will be in charge to receive presents during the afternoon. The public is cordially invited.

Morning service at Episcopal church, Christmas day:

Processional—"Shout the Glad Tidings."... Venite Adoremus Dominum... Langdon Gloria Patri... Langdon Te Deum... Jackson Benedictus Dominus Deus Israel... Robinson Litany Hymn—"Hear Our Solemn Litany." Hymn—"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." Hymn—"Angels from the Realms of Glory." Offertorium—"All Things Come of Thee, O Lord."... Adeste Fideles The above will be repeated on Sunday morning.

On Sunday evening a special evensong will be sung, as follows:

Processional—"Shout the Glad Tidings."... Confiteor... Ely Use Pater Noster... Monotone Proper Psalms... Russell Magnificat... Anonymous Nunc Dimittis... Tonus Regius Credo... Stainer Preces... Festal Hymn—"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." Hymn—"Angels from the Realms of Glory." Retrocessional—"O Come, All Ye Faithful."

PUBLIC SCHOOL ITEMS.

G. H. Thomas will spend the holidays at his home in Harvard, Nebraska.

Mrs. Duffy goes to her home in Grafton, Nebraska, to spend the holidays.

The late petition for an enlarged vacation would hardly stand the test for penmanship.

Miss Smith departs tonight for her home in the eastern part of the state to spend the holidays.

Early in January, Dr. Beach will deliver an illustrated lecture in the assembly room on "Human Physiology."

Mrs. Bonnot's admirable work in music is already bearing good fruit in the marked improvement and increased interest.

E. Hopt, of the Seventh and Eight grades, leaves tonight to spend the holiday vacation with his parents on the farm near Cambridge.

The long delayed loan collection of lantern slides appear next week, beginning Friday, January 8th, and will be exhibited throughout the winter.

A much needed revival in penmanship has taken place among the pupils. By an order from the superintendent all who fall below a certain standard are to be placed in C rank, this month, with no hope of escape until they improve their handwriting.

The prompt and efficient manner in which Chief of Police Jordan and C. G. Coglicher have cleaned the snow from the sidewalks before school time has been greatly appreciated by teachers and pupils, with the exception of small boys, who prefer to wade where the snow is deepest.

The rehearsal by the musical club, last evening, in the assembly room, east building, was quite a successful and enjoyable affair, reflecting credit upon the members of this comparatively new organization and its director, Mrs. A. P. Bonnot. The children show a marked improvement in the important art and nice accomplishment of singing.

The Christmas entertainment given by the children of the First, Second and Third grades, yesterday afternoon, in the First grade room, was a most attractive and delightful affair. Misses Thomson, Smith and Wilcox devoted much of time and patience in the preparation and training of the little ones, and the result was an entertainment of pleasure and of credit.

DOLLS! DOLLS!

All kinds and sizes. Prices from 10¢ to \$4.00. Postoffice lobby.

MINOR ITEMS OF NEWS.

McConnell's Balsam cures coughs.

Sleighing was rare, first of the week.

Drums for the boys at the BEE HIVE.

A full line of celluloid goods at the BEE HIVE.

Woodward's and Lowney's chocolates at the postoffice.

Thirty-six styles of celluloid goods at the BEE HIVE.

Use Sheridan coal; for sale by W. C. BULLARD & CO.

There was some loss of live stock during the recent cold weather.

SCALE BOOKS—For sale at THE TRIBUNE office. Best in the market.

We will make low prices on candy in quantities at the BEE HIVE.

THE TRIBUNE and Leslie's Weekly for \$3.00 a year, strictly in advance.

If you are going to make a present, don't fail to visit the BEE HIVE.

Thomas Fowler is learning the harness-making trade at McMillen's.

THE TRIBUNE and The Prairie Farmer for \$1.25 a year, strictly in advance.

Reduced price on wall paper to make room for new stock at McMillen's.

THE TRIBUNE and The Chicago Inter-Ocean for \$1.25 a year, strictly in advance.

Buy your Xmas dolls at postoffice lobby. Largest assortment to select from.

Be in the swim. Buy one of those wonderful Vive Cameras from H. P. Sutton.

Mrs. J. E. Kelley went down to Hastings, last night, to spend Christmas with relatives.

THE TRIBUNE and The Cincinnati Weekly Enquirer for \$1.50 a year, strictly in advance.

FOR SALE—A good office desk in first class condition, at a very low price. Call at this office.

The slot machines are going everywhere. Much harm has resulted from these kindergartens of gambling.

The ice harvest, this week, called into requisition about all the available wagons and horses in this vicinity.

For cleanliness, Sheridan coal has no equal; \$4.50 per ton.

W. C. BULLARD & CO.

Come in and select your dolls while our assortment is complete. We have twenty different kinds at the BEE HIVE.

Ten-inch dressed dolls with natural hair and hood on the top, counter at the Bee Hive.

Buggies are included in the removal sale prices at S. M. Cochran & Co.'s. Prices cannot be equalled in this part of Nebraska.

Work on the river bridge south of the city has been retarded by the cold weather, but will now be pushed with renewed vigor.

The following letters were advertised on the 19th: Miss Bessie Bullard, J. A. Carter, Miss Laura Cooper, Mr. Charles Jetmore, Mr. Cyrus Schoolard.

It is estimated that not half the corn has been husked yet. And the farmer will appreciate a little weather that will let him in the corn field.

It is a very cold night when the Star of Jupiter does not take in a number of new applications for membership. It had three at the meeting on Monday evening of this week.

The terms of subscription of THE TRIBUNE are strictly in advance. To print a first-class weekly paper at the low price of \$1.00 a year makes it very necessary that the cash in advance terms be observed as far as possible.

Western Nebraska has been enjoying some very responsible winter weather, the past week, with the thermometer registering as low as 15 or 20 below zero, and a nice fall of snow covering the ground to the depth of four to six inches.

Organizer Fritz established a lodge of the Star of Jupiter in Loomis, close of last week, with a membership of twenty-six. He expected to organize in Curtis, this week, and then go home to Brownville for the holidays. He is a rustler and is doing good work for the order.